

election of Margaret Thatcher as the first female Prime Minister of Great Britain, I would have voted "yea."

#### TRIBUTE TO ANDREA F. BROOKS

##### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Andrea E. Brooks of Indianapolis, Indiana. She passed away on April 25, 2009 at the age of 65. Andrea was a great leader and an inspiration to us all.

As a government servant, Andrea dedicated her career to working with the Department of Veterans Affairs and as a labor activist to the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). Her perseverance stemmed from the belief that unions play a necessary role in the fight for fairness and equal justice in the workplace.

Over the course of 30 years, Andrea had led a brilliant career. She served as the National Vice President of Women's and Fair Practices Department at the AFGE. Before that Andrea was Chief Steward, then Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Vice President and then President for ten years of the AFGE Local 490 at the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Los Angeles, California.

Andrea left behind a legacy of being a visionary activist. Her hope for the union was for it to be a leader for civil rights activism, protecting the rights and freedom of women, minorities and the disabled. Andrea's many accomplishments will continue to motivate everyone who was touched by her work. I extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family as they mourn her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

Madam Speaker and esteemed colleagues, I urge you to join me in paying tribute to Andrea E. Brooks for her distinguished service to our Nation's workforce.

#### HONORING MARK HAWKINS

##### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Hawkins as he retires from the General Motors Truck Assembly plant after 37 years of service. Mark was the Shop Chairman of UAW Local 598 for the past 20 years and a member of the UAW Local 598 bargaining committee for the past 31 years. A celebration will be held on May 15 to recognize his achievements and life.

A graduate of Beecher High School, Mark has worked tirelessly to advocate on behalf of the employees of General Motors. His skill as a negotiator has earned him the respect of GM Management, UAW Local 598 membership and the UAW international leadership. The National Bargaining Committee elected him to chair the National Negotiations in 1993, 1996 and 2003. Mark negotiated a Living Agreement between UAW Local 598 and GM

Flint Assembly in 1997. This unprecedented agreement secured new work for the plant and a \$500 million investment from the company. He was elected without opposition in his 7th bid for Local 598 chairman. Earlier this year he negotiated a new Local Living Agreement that is serving as the role model for other plants in the United States.

Over the years, Mark has gained a reputation for helping those less fortunate. Starting in 1994, UAW Local 598 membership has donated over \$1 million to feed and clothe needy children. Mark has organized the building of 8 playgrounds at local elementary schools and parks. Responding to the tragedy of September 11, he spearheaded the drive to build two trucks with donated labor and GM components for the New York Fire Department. Across the Nation the UAW and General Motors followed his example and a total of 60 trucks were given to the Fire Department.

The community has recognized his contributions and Mark has received the following awards: 2000 Walter Reuther Award, 2000 Liberty Bell Award, 2001 American Red Cross Hero Award, 2002 Martin Luther King Award, and in 2003 he received the Michigan Parks and Recreation Committee Award.

Mark and his wife, Shelley, have been married for 19 years and have 3 children Joseph, Brandi, and Richard and four grandchildren Brooklyn, Olivia, Chace, and Emma.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the life of Mark Hawkins. He has been diligent in fighting for the rights of the UAW membership. Gifted with vision, tenacity, and mediation he has brought a deep comprehension of both sides of a problem to the negotiating table. Deeply engaged in the struggle to bring dignity to the workplace, Mark Hawkins has been a true friend to workers everywhere. I consider him a friend and have valued his insight and wisdom over the future of the U.S. auto industry. I am a better Congressman for having known Mark and I wish him the best as he starts this new phase of his life.

#### REVEREND CHARLES E. SMITH

##### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of welcoming and recognizing Reverend Charles E. Smith, who just gave the opening prayer before Congress this 13th day of May, 2009. Reverend Smith is the Pastor at Berea Baptist Church in Forest Hill, Texas. He is joined today by his wife Gloria, his children, and several members of his family and church congregation.

Reverend Smith is a native of Texas and a longtime resident of Fort Worth, where he and his wife live with their six children. A graduate of the Southern Bible Institute and of the University of Texas at Arlington, Reverend Smith has served as a spiritual foundation in his community for over 25 years.

Madam Speaker, I commend Reverend Smith for his long-standing service to Fort Worth and to the members of his congregation whom he has so capably served. It is my pleasure to have Reverend Smith here today, and an honor to represent him in the 26th Congressional District of Texas.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the RECORD my position on the following votes I missed on May 12, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 243 to table the motion, "yes" on rollcall 244 on H. Res. 413; and "yes" on rollcall 245 on H. Res. 378.

#### A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF STEVEN L. ZELKOWITZ

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Steven L. Zelkowitz, a visionary leader in our community and an inspiration to all of New York.

Steven L. Zelkowitz, an independent energy consultant and attorney, is a senior veteran in New York's energy industry. He began as an attorney in private practice, representing utilities and energy companies for twenty years. He then joined Keyspan Corporation, serving as its General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, Executive Vice President, and eventually President of the Energy Assets & Supply Group. At every point in his career, Mr. Zelkowitz distinguished himself by his keen understanding of New York's energy needs, his tireless work ethic, and his loyalty.

Steven L. Zelkowitz has also earned an excellent reputation for supporting local organizations and institutions of higher learning. Mr. Zelkowitz serves on the Board of Trustees of Brooklyn Law School and is chair of its Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Brooklyn Bar Association, a member of National Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee, a member of the American Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association, and a past chair of its Public Utility Law Committee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Steven L. Zelkowitz, a well-respected leader in Brooklyn's business and educational communities.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Steven L. Zelkowitz.

#### REMEMBERING THE QUARTERBACK FOR FREEDOM, JACK KEMP

##### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in somber remembrance of Jack Kemp, who on and off the field, played his position with sure hands and a compassionate heart. That position—as I called it—was Quarterback for Freedom, a role he assumed effortlessly and

selflessly throughout the span of his career. He was a conservative through and through, of that there was no question, but he possessed a great sense of empathy and community, of respect and a fondness for diversity that uniquely set him apart. The story goes that his time on the football field enamored him of his Black colleagues and etched into his mind how repugnant inequality and discrimination could be.

That experience undoubtedly moved him. But it is my belief that such reverence for the dignity of man—regardless of skin color, race, or ethnicity—came innately and naturally to him. For Jack, “compassionate” was not a buzz word placed in front of “conservative” without thought or care. He lived, embodied, and applied compassionate activism to his impressive life’s work, a work outmatched only by his intensity of spirit and undeniable warmth.

“Civility cannot return to our country unless every person feels that they have an equal shot at the American dream,” he once said. “How in the name of American democracy can we say to eastern Europe that democratic capitalism will work there, if we can’t make it work in East L.A., or East Harlem, or East Palo Alto, California? How can we tell South Africa and the new Mandela government that democracy and private property and limited government and the rule of law and civility will work there, if it’s not working in our own backyard here at home or the South Bronx? How can America go into the next century and leave so many people behind?”

Jack was not an ideologue or political lecturer. He emerged as a statesman instead, far more committed to improving the lot of the American people than scoring cheap points in some political game. While we disagreed on some of the issues, most notably his enthusiasm for the Reagan tax cuts, we were in absolute lockstep in our commitment to rebuilding our cities, particularly in terms of housing and economic development. As Housing and Urban Development secretary, Jack met with minority groups, championed public housing, and worked with members like myself, who sat across the aisle, on issues such as revitalizing inner-city neighborhoods through empowerment zones. He served on the Howard University Board of Directors for 14 years, lending his support to President Swygert and the school, including significant personal financial contributions.

When he ran for vice president, Jack campaigned in Harlem, a visit billed as the first from a Republican candidate for president in at least half a century. Many expected raucous demonstrations from the residents in my community—more because of the “R” before his name than because they knew much about Jack Kemp to begin with. No such exchange occurred. I warmly greeted Jack at the local restaurant named Sylvia’s and we traded good-natured barbs: He told me that in a Bob Dole Administration, I would be drug czar; I responded that in a Bill Clinton Administration, I would be Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Jack was a veritable hero and inspiration. It is in that light that we remember him today; in awe of his dedication to accomplishment, in reverence of his conviction.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD SCOTT ALDEN, JR.

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. I rise today to recognize and honor one of those individuals: Richard Scott Alden, Jr. On Friday, May 1, 2009, Scott passed away peacefully at his home after a battle with cancer. He will be deeply missed.

Scott was born April 16, 1953 in Pasadena, California. He graduated from Riverside Poly High School in 1971 and received a football scholarship to Arizona State University. While Scott was a Sun Devil, his team won 51 games, four Western Athletic Conference Championships and four Fiesta Bowls.

Scott was a devoted Christian and was “born again” through Christ September, 1975. He graduated from ASU with a degree in Business Administration in June, 1976 and married Ann Stiles later that year. After graduation, Scott began work with his father, Dick Alden, founder of Empire Oil Company, now Western Refining-Wholesale, as General Manager, and in 1990 was advanced to President.

Scott was active in Harvest Men’s Bible Fellowship, Alliance Petroleum Corporation and served as Chairman of the Advisory Board for The Salvation Army.

Scott was predeceased by his daughter, Jennifer. Survived by his wife, Ann Alden; daughter, Elizabeth Alden of Newport Beach; son, David Alden of Long Beach; parents, Richard Alden of Riverside, and David and Nina Mitchell of Riverside; sister, Michelle Fisher of Aliso Viejo; and brother, Eric Alden of Huntington Beach.

On May 8, 2009, a memorial service celebrating Scott’s life will be held at Harvest Christian Fellowship. Scott will always be remembered for his incredible faith, giving spirit, and sense of humor. His dedication to his family, church and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Scott’s family and friends; although Scott may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

#### HONORING WILLOW ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, faculty and staff of the Willow Road Elementary School and congratulate them upon being honored with the Exemplary Reading Program Award from the International Reading Association.

Every year, the International Reading Association recognizes outstanding reading and language arts programs at all grade levels. One school from each State is given the Ex-

emplary Reading Program Award based on the priority of literacy in the curriculum.

Willow Road Elementary School promotes literacy and focuses on improving the students reading, writing, listening and speaking, devoting a large chunk of the school day towards reading. As a result, the school has been a finalist for the State award for the last two years before finally winning the honor this year.

As a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I understand the importance of literacy and recognize the benefits of encouraging our students to start reading at an early age. The future of this country is its children; however, their success would not be possible without the work of the teachers and administrators who dedicate their lives to their students. The teachers and staff of the Willow Road Elementary School are the back-bone of the reading program and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my congratulations and best wishes to the Willow Road Elementary School.

#### COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF ADAM LAMBERT

#### HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commend my constituent Adam Lambert for his amazing journey on Season 8 of Fox’s American Idol. Every week Adam has entertained the American public with his artistic renditions of American classics, from Johnny Cash’s “Ring of Fire” to Led Zepplin’s “Whole Lotta Love.” His performances are inspiring young people everywhere to work hard, aim high and follow their dreams.

With still two more weeks of the competition to go, I join with the people of San Diego, California to wish Adam the best of luck. As one of Adam’s favorite artists, Lenny Kravitz once said: “I just need to know that I did the very best I could and that I was true to myself.” Adam, we will be rooting for you and looking forward to your next unique and creative performance.

#### DELIBERATIVE—ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following memorandum:

#### DISCUSSION OF SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT AND ANALYSIS

The NPRM fails to articulate the process by which the Administrator came to the conclusion on p. 30, line 41-46: “The Administrator believes that the scientific findings in totality point to compelling evidence of human-induced climate change, and that serious risks and potential impacts to public health and welfare have been clearly identified, even if they cannot always be quantified with confidence. The Administrator’s